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### **CHANGING TIDES OF HISTORY**

#### **CRUISING THE BALTIC SEA**

#### **FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS PRESIDENT MIKHAIL GORBACHEV AND PRESIDENT LECH WALESZA**

*ABOARD THE DELUXE M.S. LE BORÉAL*

**Sweden ♦ Finland ♦ Russia ♦ Estonia ♦ Latvia ♦ Poland ♦ Denmark ♦ Norway**

*June 21 to July 2, 2013*

*Land/Cruise from \$8160 approximately*

#### **150-175 WORD COPY**

Experience the cultural rebirth of the Baltic States and the magnificent imperial riches of St. Petersburg on this spectacular 11-night, eight-country Baltic Sea program. By special arrangement, enjoy a rare opportunity to hear enriching presentations by former President of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev and former President of Poland Lech Walesa. Cruise for nine nights under the spectacular “White Nights of Summer” aboard the deluxe M.S. LE BORÉAL and spend one night in a deluxe hotel in Norway’s beautiful capital, Oslo. Cruise the Baltic Sea from Stockholm, Sweden, to Oslo, Norway. En route, discover the stunning architecture of Helsinki, Finland, and Copenhagen, Denmark; revel in the medieval charms of Tallinn, Estonia, and Riga, Latvia; and immerse yourself in the cultural renaissance of Gdańsk, Poland. This enlightening cruise also features two days in regal St. Petersburg including an early-opening tour of the world-acclaimed State Hermitage Museum and a visit to the Peter and Paul Fortress. Two-night Pre-Program Option. *(158 words)*

#### **100 WORD COPY**

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#### **50 WORD COPY**

Experience the cultural rebirth of the Baltic States and the imperial riches of St. Petersburg, with nine nights aboard the deluxe M.S. LE BORÉAL and one night in beautiful Oslo, Norway. Enjoy specially arranged speeches by Mikhail Gorbachev and Lech Walesa. Visit Helsinki, St. Petersburg, Tallinn, Riga, Gdańsk and Copenhagen. Stockholm Pre-Program and Norway Post-Program Options. *(56 words)*

## ITINERARY

<i>Day</i>	<i>Destination</i>
1	Depart from the U.S. or Canada
2	Stockholm, Sweden/Embark <b>M.S. LE BORÉAL</b>
3	Helsinki, Finland
4	St. Petersburg, Russia
5	St. Petersburg
6	Tallinn, Estonia
7	Riga, Latvia
8	Gdańsk, Poland
9	At sea
10	Copenhagen, Denmark
11	Oslo, Norway/Disembark <b>M.S. LE BORÉAL</b>
12	Oslo/Return to the U.S. or Canada

## Activity Level

Moderately Active

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Enjoy a rare opportunity to meet two former world leaders:
  - Former President of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev.
  - Former President of Poland Lech Walesa.
- ◆ Immerse yourself in the historical and cultural riches of the Baltic States on this enlightening nine-night cruise during the fabled “White Nights of Summer.”
- ◆ Cruise aboard the **M.S. LE BORÉAL**, an intimate vessel combining innovative design with personalized service and featuring private balconies in 95% of the spacious and deluxe outside suites and staterooms.
- ◆ Spend one night in a deluxe, centrally located hotel in Oslo, Norway’s beautiful and sophisticated capital city.
- ◆ Enjoy an excursion in Helsinki, highlighted by a visit to Temppeliaukio Church, a private concert at the Sibelius Academy, and a drive along the old fortifications of Suomenlinna, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ Admire one of the world’s greatest collections of fine art during a special early-opening tour of the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg.
- ◆ Visit St. Petersburg’s first building, the Peter and Paul Fortress, and its impressive Baroque Cathedral, burial place of Russia’s czars from Peter the Great to Nicholas II.
- ◆ Explore the historic and medieval quarters on a walking tour of Tallinn, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ Discover the beauty of Riga, a UNESCO World Heritage site during an architectural tour.
- ◆ Tour of the historic port of Gdańsk.
- ◆ See Copenhagen’s stunning architecture during an exclusive city tour and canal cruise.
- ◆ Complement your journey with the two-night Pre-Program Option in Sweden’s cosmopolitan capital of Stockholm.
- ◆ Enjoy the three-night Post-Program Option featuring two rail journeys, a fjord cruise, one overnight in the heart of Norway’s fjord country and two nights in the Hanseatic city of Bergen.

## **M.S. LE BORÉAL**

### **STATE-OF-THE-ART DESIGN**

The deluxe M.S. LE BORÉAL, which has received **high accolades** in its inaugural year (2010-2011), is a new generation small ship of the highest quality and features distinctive French sophistication and unique itineraries exclusively designed by Gohagan and Company.

### **SPACIOUS SUITES AND STATEROOMS, MOST WITH BALCONIES**

**Ninety-five percent** of the large, deluxe, air-conditioned, outside Staterooms and Suites (from 200 to 484 square feet) **feature private balconies**. Most accommodations have two twin beds that convert to one queen-size bed; each has a private bathroom with shower (bathtub in limited number of Staterooms) and the luxurious amenities of a fine hotel, including: individual climate control, satellite flatscreen television, wireless Internet access, safe, minibar, full-length closet, writing desk/dressing table and plush robes.

### **CHIC AND CASUAL DINING**

International and regional cuisine is served in the stylish, spacious La Licorne dining room in single, unassigned seatings, alfresco in the casual indoor-outdoor La Boussole restaurant or from 24-hour room service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary wine and beer are served with dinner.

### **SPACIOUS PUBLIC AREAS/WORLD-CLASS SERVICE AND FACILITIES**

Enjoy views from the Panoramic Lounge; nightly entertainment in the Main Lounge; and lectures, cultural performances and film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. There is a library, Internet salon, Sun Deck, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range of fitness equipment and two elevators. The infirmary is staffed with a doctor and nurse. The highly trained and personable English-speaking international crew provides attentive service.

### **RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

The state-of-the-art propulsion system and custom-built stabilizers provide an **exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage** by minimizing vibration and engine noise. The ship company is proud of its **Clean Ship** standing, an extreme rarity among ocean cruising vessels, as its commitment to energy efficiency and environmental protection of marine ecosystems is of paramount importance. The ship has two tenders.

### **INCLUDED FEATURES**

**Specially arranged speeches with question-and-answer time by former President of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev and former President of Poland Lech Walesa.**

### **ON BOARD THE DELUXE M.S. LE BORÉAL**

- ◆ Nine-night cruise from Stockholm, Sweden, to Oslo, Norway, with port calls in Helsinki, Finland; St. Petersburg, Russia; Tallinn, Estonia; Riga, Latvia; Gdańsk, Poland; and Copenhagen, Denmark.
- ◆ Spacious outside accommodations with private bathroom and individual stateroom climate control.

- ◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- ◆ All meals—continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner—throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.
- ◆ Complimentary house wine, beer, soft drinks, mineral water, coffee and tea with dinner.
- ◆ Excursion in **Helsinki**, highlighted by a visit to Temppeliaukio Church, a private concert at the Sibelius Academy, and a drive along the old fortifications of Suomenlinna, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ City tour of **St. Petersburg**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring a visit to the Peter and Paul Fortress, the city's oldest structure and final resting place of Russian czars, from Peter the Great to Nicholas II.
- ◆ Specially arranged, early-opening entry to the world-renowned **State Hermitage Museum**.
- ◆ Walking tour of **Tallinn's** historic and medieval quarters, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ Architectural tour of **Riga**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ Tour of the historic Polish port of **Gdańsk**.
- ◆ **Copenhagen** city tour and canal cruise.

## IN OSLO

- ◆ One night in a centrally located, deluxe hotel.
- ◆ Full Scandinavian buffet breakfast.
- ◆ City tour including visits to Vigeland Sculpture Park and the Viking Ship Museum.

## ENHANCED TRAVEL SERVICES

- ◆ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined in the Included Features, led by experienced, English-speaking local guides.
- ◆ Gratuities for local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Experienced Travel Directors to accompany you throughout the travel program.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.

## STOCKHOLM PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Begin your Baltic experience with two nights in Sweden's capital and cultural epicenter, with deluxe accommodations in the heart of the city. Visit City Hall, site of the Nobel Prize Banquet since 1930, explore the historic Gamla Stan (Old Town) and see Viking artifacts in the Vasa Museum and the Museum of National Antiquities. *This Pre-Program Option is available at additional cost, and details will be provided with your reservation.*

## NORWAY POST-CRUISE OPTION

Extend your journey with one night in Norway's spectacular fjords region and two nights in the historic Hanseatic port of Bergen. Enjoy a scenic train journey from Oslo to Myrdal. Then ride aboard the steep Flåm Railway through the stunning landscape, and enjoy a scenic fjord cruise. In Bergen, tour *Bryggen*, the district of colorful medieval houses, and visit composer Edvard Grieg's former home to hear a specially arranged recital. *This Post-Program Option is available at additional cost, and details will be provided with your reservation.*

